KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS MINUTES November 7, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Licensure for Private Investigators was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky, on November 7, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John L. Logdon, Jr. Chair Tracy J. Watwood Ray Lang, Jr. Janice Wyatt-Ross Pat Melton, Vice Chair Ronald D. Carroll

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Carolyn Benedict, Board Administrator Gordon Slone, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Angela Evans, Board Counsel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nicole H. Pang

CALL TO ORDER

John L. Logdon, Jr., Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

Gordon Slone, newly appointed Executive Director of the Office of Occupations and Professions, introduced himself to the member of the Board. Mr. Slone stated that it is the hope of Secretary Bob Vance that Mr. Slone would be able to provide the Office and Boards with some continuity of leadership.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slone discussed the progress being made with the new database. The current phase of the database is to allow licensees with the option of renewing their licenses online. Private Investigator and Private Investigator companies have never had the option of renewing online. Following discussion Mr. Melton made a motion that the licensees have the option of either renewing online or using paper renewals. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the process of verifying the renewal applications were in compliance with the statutes and regulations a few discrepancies were discovered. Ms. Evans agreed to work with Ms. Benedict in order to bring the renewal application into compliance. Following the revisions the application, being incorporated by reference, would need to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission to go through the approval process.

The 240 Research Committee, consisting of Tracy Watwood, Ray Lang and John Logdon, stated that they felt the Board needed to move forward with removing that provision from its law. Ms. Evans told Board members they would need to secure a legislative sponsor in order proceed. Mr. Melton and Mr. Logdon both agreed to try to find a sponsor.

Ms. Wyatt-Ross has been doing research with regard to possibly streamlining the application process by finding a more efficient way to obtain the background report process. Ms. Benedict was asked to contact Monya Stivers, with the Kentucky State Police, to get some additional questions answered. Ms. Benedict stated she would get the information to Ms. Wyatt-Ross and Ms. Evans.

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Mr. Melton made a motion to approve the 2014 Calendar as follows:

 January 9, 2014
 February 6, 2014
 March 6, 2014

 April 3, 2014
 May 1, 2014
 June 5, 2014

 July 10, 2014
 August 7, 2014
 September 4, 2014

 October 2, 2014
 November 6, 2014
 December 4, 2014

Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 3, 2013 board meeting were presented to the Board for Review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Melton. Motion, seconded by Mr. Watwood, carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statement for the month ending October 30, 2013 was presented to the Board for review. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion, seconded by Mr. Carroll, carried.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

A Licensure Status Report dated October 30, 2013 was presented to the Board for review. No further action was required.

CHAIR REPORT

Mr. Logdon stated that he had been contacted by a school with regard to obtaining a mailing list of all licensees. Ms. Benedict stated that she had been contacted as well. Ms. Benedict said that she had informed the requester that KRS 329A.035 (4) required the board to maintain the confidentiality of information relating to the licensee or applicant, except that the board may provide this information to local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies.

REPORT FROM O&P

Mr. Sloan reported that the database was continuing and the total cost for the project will be approximately \$300,000. The biennial budget has now been submitted to the State Budget Director, which is only the first part of the approval process. Wireless internet has now been installed. Board Administrators will provide members with log-on instructions.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Angela Evans, Board Attorney reported on behalf of the complaint committee the following:

PI2013-02-ongoing

A motion was made by Tracy J. Watwood to approve the recommendations of the complaint committee. Motion, seconded by Ms. Wyatt-Ross, carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The application committee made the following recommendations:

The following applications for individual license were approved for testing (11): Steven Berger, David Bringer, Brian Crabtree, Kevin Dunn, John Farill, James Griffin, Lloyd Stapleton, Emile Tabb, Darin Ulery, John Winger

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The following application was approved with provisions (1): David Potts

The following PI Tracking Report/Quarterly Reports were approved (9): Advanced Investigative Services, Inc., Business Decisions, Claims Bureau USA, Inc., Greater Cincinnati Investigation, Phillip D. Gentry Investigations, HUB Enterprises, Inc., Infoquest, Ltd., K9 Resources, O'Daniel Investigative Inc., LLC

The following Temporary Employee Registrations were approved:

G4S Compliance Investigations – Jeffrey Closson, Ellery Ferrara, Robert Michels, Darrin Ulery, Eric Wichner

Health and Safety Sciences, LLC - Dave Robinson

HUB Enterprises, Inc. - Jennifer Dickey, Rex Emery, Dustin McCoy,

Innovative Investigations - Jonathan Bastian, Steve Cobb, Timothy Graul, Earon Smith

Litigation Solutions, LLC - Lynn Barbiere, Teresa Kelly, Ernest Leeth, Brian Norris

Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc. - Kevin Dunn

Veracity Research Co. - Andrew Freeland, Dana Lunden

A motion was made by Mr. Watwood to approve the recommendations of the application committee. Motion, seconded by Mr. Carroll, carried.

Following the recommendation of the application committee Ms. Wyatt-Ross made a motion to revise the individual license application to incorporate the requirements for applicants intending to conduct fire or arson investigations in compliance with KRS 329A.035(c). Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL

A motion was made by Mr. Carroll to approve travel and per diem for all eligible members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Lang, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2013 at the Office of Occupations and Professions, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Lang made a motion to adjourn at 2:05 p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Mr. Watwood, carried.

Approved 12/05/2013